IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

FRIDAY, THE 17TH AUGUST 2007 / 26TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 24944 of 2007(T)

PETITIONER:

DR.ELIZABETH ABRAHAM, READER,
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH,
MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM.

BY ADV. SRI.ELVIN PETER P.J.

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE PRINCIPAL, MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 17/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K.BASHEER, J.

W.P.(C)No.24944 OF 2007

Dated this the 17th day of August, 2007

JUDGMENT

This writ petition is at the instance of the Reader working in the Department of English in Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. According to the petitioner, she has been invited by one of the foreign universities in the Middle East to take up one assignment. Therefore, she has submitted Ext.P1 application for grant of Leave Without Allowances. Ext.P2 shows that the Principal of the institution has forwarded Ext.P1 application to the competent authority on July 19, 2007. Grievance of the petitioner is that no decision has yet been taken on the request made by the petitioner so far, though it has been pending for more than a month.

2. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, I am satisfied that the writ petition can be disposed of with appropriate directions:

Respondent no.1 shall take a decision on Ext.P1 strictly on its merit and in accordance with law as expeditiously as

possible, at any rate, within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Petitioner shall be afforded sufficient opportunity of hearing before any decision is taken. Petitioner shall produce a copy of the writ petition along with a certified copy of the judgment before respondent no.1 for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

A.K.BASHEER, JUDGE

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